

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A fastener mounted on a bag, comprising:

an engaging piece fixed on a lid portion of the bag and a latch mechanism comprising a metallic surface and a latch member, wherein the latch mechanism ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a single latch fixed on an outer surface side of a main body of the bag and which is oriented so as to be substantially parallel to said outer surface of said main body portion of the bag and is ~~adapted~~ which is configured to detachably admit therein the engaging piece ~~detachably~~,

~~[[and]]~~ wherein ~~part of the engaging piece which is provided with an~~ comprises a single engaging ring configured for admitting the latch member and for colliding against engaging the metallic surface wherein said engaging piece is clad with a synthetic resin member configured for preventing infliction of injury to the metallic surface, and

a holding member, said engaging ring being mounted on said holding member and said holding member being oriented substantially parallel to the lid portion of the bag, said engaging ring projecting substantially perpendicularly from said holding member.

Claims 12-17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A fastener according to Claim 11 ~~[[or 20]]~~, wherein said latch mechanism is located on an outer surface of the bag.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A fastener according to Claim 18, which further comprises a release mechanism to release the engaging piece from the latch mechanism, said release mechanism being mounted on said latch mechanism wherein said metallic surface is located on an upper surface of said latch mechanism.

Claim 20 (Canceled).